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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, HO, CU, NU

SUBJECT: GON REQUEST FTK M-16R1 RIFLES

REF: MANAGUA 3342

1. DURING COURSE OF JULY 21 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA, HE RAISED QUESTION OF DELAY IN USG APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSE FOR FIRST 6,000 M-16'S FOR ACTIVE DUTY FORCE OF NATIONAL GUARD AND ADDITIONAL PURCHASE OF 4,000 M-16'S FOR REPLACEMENTS AND RESERVES FOR CONTINGENCY MOBILIZATION PLAN.

2. SOMOZA EXPRESSED GROWING CONCERN OVER DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE AND ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS. I REPLIED THAT IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MATTER WAS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, AND THAT ACTION PROBABLY WOULD BE TAKEN SOON. HE ASKED ME TO MAKE INQUIRIES AND REPORT BACK TO HIM ASAP.

3. PLEASE ADVISE RE STATUS OF EXPORT LICENSE SO THAT DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS AND/OR VIEWS CAN BE REPORTED TO SOMOZA IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO NICARAGUA FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST.  
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